



# GLIMPSE OF THE PAST.

Oh, days of my boyhood!  
When hope's bright rainbow  
Dimmed my y. y. y.  
When the hot blood of youth did  
So leap through my veins,  
That my heart filled with j. y.,  
At what it now pains.

The earth seemed a garden,  
So bright and so fair,  
When the sun of youth  
Of pastimes most rare,  
Each man and each woman,  
Each heart and each brain,  
Seemed made and destined for  
The purest of joy.

The rain then brought gladness,  
The storm did inspire  
Great hopes of great conquests  
In earth's vast empire,  
While the sunshine was making  
Bright eyes brighter glow,  
And youth with its hope wrought  
A haven here below.

The birds then sang sweeter,  
The sun brighter shone,  
The flowers more lovely  
And the world more true,  
And people were kinder  
To me and to others,  
Each other as brothers,  
Oh! scenes of my boyhood!

How life-like they look!  
As clear to my mind's eye  
As if a book were open  
They all were depicted  
By art's light of hand,  
Each place that I have touched on,  
By water or land.

That house without plaster;  
Its clean earthen floor,  
With fire place larger  
Than the room it stood in,  
With cracks in the roofing  
Revealing the stars;  
And Venus I knew not  
From the stars above.

Looks just as I saw it  
In long goneby days,  
Its whitewashed clapboards,  
Flashing the rays,  
Of a sun which was brighter  
Than any I've seen,  
Since childhood I romped with  
The boys on the green.

My mother, God bless her,  
I see her again,  
Staid in that old doorway,  
And calling me down,  
She thought me delinquent  
Down at the cool spring,  
Where long she had sent me,  
Some water to bring.

That house, the orchard,  
The stable, the press,  
Where the men made the cider,  
And drank more or less;  
The barn and the carriage  
Way off on the hill,  
Small fruit and ripe melons—  
I see them all still.

But the days of my boyhood!  
Flit them by so fast,  
Nor that darling mother,  
Stand in that old door,  
For the sunbeams grow dimmer,  
The bow is more faint,  
And the ring of gay laughter  
Gives place to a plaint.

—Eva.

# FROM WASHINGTON.

## THE PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION.

### The Official Report From The Commodore.

#### A GARRISON FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9th, 98.  
President McKinley's recommendation for Congressional action in honor of Commodore Dewey's great victory—

in naval warfare—has promptly acted upon. Chairman Boutelle, of the House naval committee, has reported a joint resolution of thanks to Commodore Dewey, and a bill creating an additional Rear Admiral in the navy. The latter will enable the President to promote Commodore Dewey. Immediately upon receipt of his official report of the battle of Manila, Secretary Long in the name of the President cabled to Commodore Dewey promoting him to Acting Admiral, and tendering him the thanks of himself and of the people for his great achievement.

HOW THE WORK WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

The more the official report of Commodore Dewey is studied the more wonderful his victory appears. He entered Manila harbor, protected by mines, heavy shore batteries, a fleet of ironclads, mounting about one hundred guns and carrying about 2,000 men, and destroyed all eleven of the ship and captured all the batteries. And the most wonderful part of this wonderful exploit was that not a single man on an American ship was killed, and not a single ship materially injured, and only half a dozen were wounded.

News of an important victory is hardly expected from Admiral Sampson's fleet, although its exact whereabouts is a secret known only to the officials. The general belief is that it is in the South Sea, near the Spanish fleet, if it can be found, and to capture Porto Rico. The army is also likely to move on to Cuba any day.

WILL DECLINE THE COMMISSION.

Senator Dewey's acceptance of the commission of Major General in the volunteer army, to which he has passed 20,000 men, was carried off with a flourish and confirmed at the same time that Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Gen. George Wheeler, Gen. James W. Wilson, and the seven Brigadier Generals of the regular army were not certain, and will depend upon the opinion of General Sherman, who is to decide whether the commission can be accepted without vesting the seat in the Senate now held by General Sewell. It cannot, the Senator will decline the commission, and the general impression is that he cannot.

The House has made a record at this session of which republicans, who have controlled and directed its course, may well be proud. It has passed 20 bills that have become laws, and about 2,000 other bills that are now on the "calendar."

The war measures—

of \$50,000,000 for the purchase of arms, the bill for reorganizing the regular army, the war revenue bill, the bill appropriating \$30,000,000 for the expenses of the army, and minor war bills—have probably not taken more than a week of the time of the House

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